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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes; the suggestion to get a loan of rupees one crore for the Madras Government from the Special Development Fund, for the execution of an expanded filterpoint wells scheme in the deltaic and other suitable areas in this State, has been made by the Programme Adviser to the Planning Commission.

" (*b*) No.

" (*c*) Not yet.

" (*d*) Proposals for sanction of schemes are under consideration. As soon as a decision is taken, the Government of India will be approached for sanction of loan."

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Questions 2242, 2243 and 2244 may be taken up together, Sir, as they all relate to the same subject."

DEPUTY SPEAKER :—" Yes, I have no objection."

Starting of paper mills.

* 2242 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MUHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have investigated into the possibilities of establishing a paper mill in South Malabar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The possibility of setting up a paper mill in the Malabar district is being examined."

* 2243 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state whether the Government have decided to start a paper mill in the State and, if so, when?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The Government are considering the question of setting up a paper mill in this State, but no decision has been taken on the subject."

* 2244 *Q.*—SRI K. C. GOPALAN UNNI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the present stage of the proposal to start a paper mill in the State?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" An application has been made by an industrialist for the grant of a licence under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 to set up a paper mill near Papanasam in Tirunelveli district. The Government of India propose to grant the licence as soon as the selection of the site of the mill is finalized. In addition, the possibility of establishing a paper mill in the Malabar district is being examined. The Government are also considering the scope for establishing a paper mill in the Nilgiris district to manufacture newsprint or ordinary writing and printing paper."